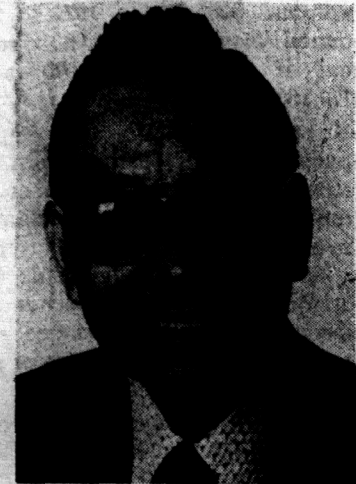


David Y. K. Wong

BWA President Urges Lay-Pastor Teamwork

By John H. Hart
STOCKHOLM (BP) — The new president of the Baptist World Alliance, David Y. K. Wong, sees himself as a symbol of the feeling about Baptists that laymen and pastors should "work together as ministers."

The 65-year-old Hong Kong



architect and engineer, a fourth generation Baptist, said evangelism must have the Baptist priority "and in order to accomplish the task, and being a layman, I would like to promote lay evangelism."

Wong, the first Asian and first layman elected to the BWA presidency, fielded questions in good English at a press conference after his election.

Asked what significance Asians would attach to his election, Wong said it might prove "it is time for Chinese Christians to carry more re-

sponsibility in the task of evangelism."

Small in stature, five feet and four inches and weighing only 125 pounds, Wong wears a perpetual smile. He has long been active in Baptist work, having served as chairman of the board of governors, Hong Kong Baptist College, chairman of the Asian Baptist Fellowship, and chairman of the BWA Men's Department.

Wong refers to himself and his wife, Lillian, as "common people," although he is rated high among the leaders in his profession. He said he would be "just as happy if God wants us to hand out tracts on the corner of the street."

Apparently a veteran in diplomacy, Wong kept the press from pinning him into a corner as to whether he would or could visit Communist China or Russia. "If invited, I am willing to go," he said. A second question brought only the answer that his passport carried no restrictions.

He professes a loyalty to China. He was an engineer on the Burma Road before the Japanese invasion and was employed as an engineer during World War II.

Looking back on those war years, Wong describes himself as a Christian "living in a well protected cage." His devotion developed later as a refugee in Hong Kong. (Continued on page 3)

21 Conferences Scheduled For Annual WMU "Camp"

Some 21 conferences concerning Woman's Missionary Union will be conducted Aug. 19-23 at Camp Garaywa near Clinton.

Conferences will be offered for



Mrs. Barnes and Miss Patterson members of Baptist Women and Baptist Young Woman organizations and for leaders of Aetecns, Girls in Action, and Mission Friends.

The conferences will be repeated each day beginning at 9 a.m. and closing at 2:45 p.m. Lunch

will be served and included in the cost of \$2 per person. One night time presentation of the conferences will be Aug. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at a cost of 75 cents and no meal included.

A special feature during each afternoon of the camp will be Mrs. Alma Barnes of Sophia Sutton Assembly near Prentiss, according to Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Barnes will be telling about the work of National (Black) Baptists in Mississippi and explaining the structure and operation of the National Baptist convention in the state, Miss Patterson said.

Four of the conferences will be (Continued on page 3)

Missouri Baptists Pick Bob Terry As Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) — Bob S. Terry, associate editor of the Kentucky state Baptist newspaper, Western Recorder, has been elected editor of the Word and Way, state newspaper of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Terry, 32, who joined the Western Recorder staff in 1968, will also serve as director of the Missouri convention's communications division.

As editor, his primary role, he will be responsible to the communications committee of the convention's executive board for the

Word and Way's entire operation, according to committee chairman, John E. Hughes. He will be responsible to Missouri's executive director, Reuben South, for operation of the communications division, apart from the Word and Way, Hughes said.

He succeeds W. Ross Edwards, who retired in July after eight years as Word and Way editor. Miss Elene Stone, a staff member for 27 years, will continue to serve as interim editor until Terry arrives in mid-August.

Before joining the Word and Way, Terry, a native of Decatur, Ala., served as news director for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, while completing a master of divinity degree. He holds a bachelor of arts degree. (Continued on page 2)



RIDGECREST, N.C.—Spruce Lodge is the largest of the three new buildings at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. The lodge's 48

rooms will house a maximum of 192 people.

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At World Congress

Baptists In Stockholm Make Structure And Staff Changes

STOCKHOLM (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) got a new president, seven new member bodies and a new constitution involving changes in the BWA structure and staff, during the 13th Baptist World Congress here.

The body also established goals for worldwide relief projects and set Toronto, Canada, as the site for the 14th Baptist World Congress in mid-July, 1980. More than 10,000 persons attended the 13th Congress, the BWA's most representative one in its

70-year history, with 9,612 from 84 nations officially registered.

David Y. K. Wong, an architect and engineer from Hong Kong, became the first Asian and the first layman to hold the BWA presidency. He succeeded V. Carney Hargroves of Phila-

delphia, a minister of the American Baptist Churches, USA, for a five-year term.

Besides Wong and 12 vice presidents, Congress delegates re-elected Mrs. R. L. (Marie) Mathis of Waco, Tex., immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, to chair the BWA Women's Department. Stephen Steeves of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, succeeded Wong as chairman of the Men's Department; and Daltro M. Kiedann of Porto Alegre, Brazil, succeeded Karl-Heinz Walter of West Germany as chairman of the Youth Department.

One of the new vice-presidents is James L. Sullivan, recently retired president of the Sunday School Board.

The new constitution, representing the first basic change in (Continued on page 2)

50,000 Hear Billy Graham At Stockholm Park Rally

STOCKHOLM — Some 50 thousand Scandinavians flocked to Skansen Park Sunday afternoon, July 13, to hear an evangelistic sermon by the colorful, controversial American evangelist, Billy Graham.

The event came on the closing day of the 13th Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, and a big portion of the congress's 10,000 delegates from 84 nations joined the

Swedes in the park.

"It was the spiritual breakthrough we have long prayed for," said Dr. David Lagergren, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden, in reference to the crowd. Officials were surprised at the large turnout because many Swedish youth have been thought uninterested in religion.

In his 35-minute speech, Graham declared that "Western

civilization is crumbling. Only a spiritual awakening of great proportions will save it." He warned that the world faces starvation on a scale never known before.

"I do not believe, as some say, that the Third World War has already been fought," he declared. He said that a Third World War will bring on Armageddon and the end of a world system dominated by evil.

Graham said that "only the Second Coming of Christ will save the world." He urged his listeners to repent and turn to Christ for forgiveness and salvation. When he asked those who wanted to turn their lives to God to signify it by a show of hands, hundreds responded.

Realizing that he was highly controversial in Sweden, Graham visited Stockholm on June 23 to face a two-hour press conference that he described as one of the most difficult he ever faced. But one paper reported that "The reporters never laid a glove on him. He was smarter than the reporters."

He is now receiving a much more favorable response, and (Continued on page 3)

Mississippian Speaks On Baptist Hour

Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, began speaking on The Baptist Hour on nationwide radio July 20. He will speak for seven weeks while the regular speaker, Dr. Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City, is on vacation.

Stations using The Baptist Hour vary from time to time, but a recent listing is printed below.

The K represents the AM position, and the M represents the FM position. The SU indicates Sunday. (Continued on page 2)

WMU Workshops Under Way Across Mississippi

A series of workshops for leaders of the Southern Baptist Girls in Action program and the Baptist Women program are under way across the state.

Sessions of the workshops will be held July 28 and 29 at First Baptist Church in Winona and July 29 and 30 at First Baptist Church in Indianola.

Workshop sessions already (Continued on page 2)

have been completed in Jackson at Parkway Baptist Church and in Brookhaven at Easthaven Baptist Church.

Four workshop sessions will be conducted, two for the leaders of Girls in Action and two for Baptist Women at each of the locations. The Girls in Action sessions will major on enlistment (Continued on page 2)

Baptists Must Know

SBC Calls For Two Million Subscribers

by J. Terry Young
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The Southern Baptist Convention meeting recently in Miami took significant action in calling upon cooperating churches to send the state Baptist paper to their members.

It further set a goal of 2 million in circulation for the 33 state papers by the year 1980. This will require a substantial increase of about 200,000 in the next five years.

This significant action by the convention came in response to a special study of the place of the Baptist state papers in the life of the denomination ordered by the convention a year earlier. There is good reason for the urgent recommendation that the state Baptist paper be sent to each Baptist home.

Baptists must know what is going on. A denomination dependent upon the people for its support and for the authority to move in any direction must maintain a vital line of communication to its constituency. Baptists have long recognized this truth.

At the very beginning of the modern Baptist missionary movement, when Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice went to

Burma, it quickly became evident that some means of generating Baptist support for missionary work had to be found. Sentiment was not enough.

Luther Rice returned to the States to promote support for Judson. One of his first acts was to establish the Columbia Star, a paper aimed at informing Baptists and enlisting their support for Baptist missionary causes. This paper was the forerunner of The Christian Index, the Baptist state paper for Georgia. Today there are 33 such state Baptist papers keeping Baptists informed about what is happening.

The free flow of reliable information has been one of the keys to the success of Baptist life, humanly speaking. People outside Baptist life have viewed our structure and programs and have said that it just can't be done the way we do it. Experience has proved differently, however.

Many observers are convinced that the state papers should be credited with playing a key role in the rapid development of Southern Baptists into the leading non-Catholic denomination in America. It is no secret that Southern Baptists have made the greatest missionary thrust into the world among American Christian groups.

The Baptist state papers have long promoted the cause of missions as the cutting edge of the Baptist witness. But these papers have done more than promote. They have told the story of missions on many fronts. And they will keep on telling it. It is an ever-changing story as new ministries develop. These papers like nothing better than to picture an exciting breakthrough here, a new field entered there — the story of what is actually happening.

Along with the main note of missions there are numerous sub-themes supporting the missionary-evangelistic theme. Baptists have a right to know what is going on in all quarters of their denomination. Indeed, they have a need to know, a compelling need. Choke off the flow of information, and you will begin to choke off the flow of support from the people to the churches to the frontlines of missionary advance.

These state papers have compiled an enviable record of integrity for reporting the news to the Baptist constituency. Though they are Baptist-owned and thoroughly committed to supporting Baptist causes, they are not mere house-organs, putting out just what a small cadre of leaders want the people to know or just (Continued on page 2)

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what the populace wants to hear. They have a straight forward brand of tell-it-like-it-is journalism that has won the respect of many.

They are sometimes criticized for printing some news story which seems to be bad news, news that is disturbing. In fact some lump the Baptist papers in with the secular daily newspapers and complain that there is far too much bad news in print. However, a moment's reflection is needed on that point. Roy M. Fisher, dean of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, points out that seven out of eight stories in the newspapers are either happy or frivolous stories. And I have seen him back up his point by picking up a newspaper from the newsstand, proceeding to analyze the stories in it.

But even the bad news has its positive value. What you don't know can kill you. Fisher has a pointed illustration of that. He tells of hearing Werner Von Braun, America's rocket expert, tell of the system of warning lights utilized on the control panel for launching Saturn rockets. Some 10,000 items are monitored by computer and any problem immediately sets off a warning light. Any light on the control panel means bad news—but with a good effect. Whereas in earlier series of rockets one out of six rockets had to be destroyed in the launch process, no Saturn has ever failed on the pad or in the launch procedure.

In similar fashion, Baptists must always know what is going on—even if it makes them uncomfortable occasionally. Some who do not really understand the way Baptist democracy works would impose a version of censorship in the Baptist papers and have them print only what they want to hear—an acceptable party-line. Such a move would be disastrous. But it is not likely to happen. Baptists are too committed to truth and freedom and responsibility to manipulate the news.

A more urgent threat is in the realm of economics. The Baptist state papers are in an almost impossible situation, financially speaking. Traditionally, the papers have been very inexpensive, costing only a few cents weekly. They have had little denominational subsidy—none in some states. But now gigantic postage increases are hitting them.

Jack Harwell, editor of Georgia Baptists' paper, *The Christian Index*, reported recently that in 1966 their "... postal bill was about \$8,000. In 1974 it was \$45,000. In 1975, it will be about \$70,000 and by 1980 it will be over \$180,000..." unless some subsidy is provided for second-class mail. Another editor complained that his postage bill alone would rise in a ten-year period to the point of being larger than the entire budget for the paper at the beginning of the period.

These increased costs will either have to be met by the churches that subscribe to the papers for their members, or by the denomination in the form of subsidies. Either way, the cold, hard fact is that the papers are going to cost Baptists considerably more than in the past.

Let us remember that the papers have played a vital role in the development of Baptist life. If they cost more in the future, it will just have to be that way. We can't do without them. Their role is essential if we are to continue to be a denomination of cooperation, vitality, and growth. Baptists must know what is going on. Even if the papers cost more, they will more than pay their own way in the long run, just as they have for more than a century.

Let's respond to the plea of the Convention and send those papers to all of our Baptist people. An informed Baptist is a better Baptist. And better Baptists will make possible a significant Baptist missionary advance.

Baptists In Europe Change Structure

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The BWA's structure since it began in 1965, called for adding a new division of evangelism and education and looked toward the establishment of area BWA offices for Asia; the Americas; and Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The BWA's new General Council, previously known as the Executive Committee, also made major staff changes.

C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary in the London office since 1965, will move to the headquarters office in Washington, D. C., in early 1976. He will probably direct work in the new division of evangelism and education.

Gerhard Claas, now general secretary of the Baptist Union of West Germany, will fill Goulding's position as secretary for Europe about mid-1976; and a new area office will be opened in Asia, possibly Hong Kong, with Alan C. Prior of Australia as associate secretary for a three-year period.

The positions of General Secretary Robert S. Denny and C. E. Bryant, associate secretary for communications, and Carl W. Tiller, associate secretary for study and research, were left unchanged.

Associate Secretary Theo Patnaik, who directed BWA youth work, has resigned, effective Oct. 1.

The General Council took a

hard look at financial costs of the major organizational changes and outlined a series of priorities which will be taken in turn as funds become available. Top priority will go to implementing the new division of evangelism and education.

The 1975 annual BWA budget of \$237,000 will climb to \$264,000 in 1976 and \$285,000 in 1977. The council also approved a relief goal of \$530,300 for 1975 and \$577,150 for 1976.

In another action, the council approved a suggestion from the retiring 1970-75 committee of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ to "appeal to all Baptists, both inside and outside the BWA, to improve and increase missionary service to the rapidly growing billions of persons in our generation."

The BWA increased its member bodies from 99 to 106 with a combined membership of 23,020,436 out of 33.8 million Baptists in the world.

The new bodies are the Baptist Convention of Rhodesia, Baptist Union of Central Africa, Communauté Baptiste du Fleuve Zaïre, Garo Baptist Union of Bangladesh, Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Association of Indonesian Baptist Churches and European Baptist Convention (primarily made up of English-speaking churches with strong Southern Baptist backgrounds).

Foreign Board Initiates Seminarian Program

RICHMOND — The seminary program of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will send four students abroad for the summer during this first year of its operation.

The young men and women, all attending a Southern Baptist theological seminary, will spend at least eight weeks working alongside career missionaries.

The program was approved in 1974 and designed to provide opportunities for missionary service overseas for qualified seminary students. They will receive travel expenses plus room and board, but no salary.

Even though a number of qualified applicants may be considered, said a spokesman of the board's personnel department, only a few can be sent overseas. The number is going to range from six to 10 in the future.

To qualify, students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours and plan to complete their study. They must be 20 years of age and under and an active member of a Southern Baptist church.

Among those going is Joe S. Vasquez, a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He was born in Texas and attended school in Washington. He received the master of divinity degree this year. His assignment is youth work in Brussels and Jurbaie, Belgium.

Two students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will be included, Glenn Starling and Peggy Robertson.

Starling was born and grew up in North Carolina. He expects to receive his master of religious education degree next year. He is assigned to Guam to do student and youth work.

Miss Robertson expects to receive her master of music degree next year. She was born and grew up in Texas. She will teach in a school for pastors in Liberia.

Wayne Williams, born in Alabama and also lived in Florida, will go from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to be involved in general evangelism in Ghana. He expects to receive the master of divinity degree in 1977.

Mississippian Speaks On Baptist Hour

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Booneville, WBIP, 1400 K, SU, 1:30 pm; Brookhaven, WCHJ, 1470 K, SU, 1:30 pm; Canton, WMGO, 1370 K, SU, 7:00 am; Columbia, WCJU, 1450 K, SU, 9:00 am; Columbus, WACR, 1050 K, SU, 1:30 am; Greenville, WJPR, 1330 K, SU, 8:00 am; Greenwood, WSWG, 990.1 M, SU, 8:30 am; Grenada, WNAG, 1400 K, SU, 5:00 pm; Hattiesburg, WFOR, 1400 K, SU, 9:30 pm; Laurel, WNSL, 1280 K, SU, 6:30 am; McComb, WAPF, 680 K, SU, 12:30 pm; Meridian, WCOC, 990 K, SU, 4:05 pm; New Albany, WNAU, 1470 K, SU, 9:45 am; Pascagoula, WCIS, 104.9

M; Vicksburg, WQMV, 988.7 M, SU, 2:00 pm; Wiggins, WIGG, 1420 K, SU, 10:00 am.

A Jackson station, WJFR-FM, was not on the list but will be carrying the Baptist Hour during the period of the sermons by Rev. Pollard. The position is 96.3 on the FM dial and the time is 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Seoul, Korea — Seoul International Baptist Church has ordained June (Mrs. James G. Jr.) Goodwin, Southern Baptist missionary, as a deaconess. The role of the deaconess in Korean churches is traditional, but most of them serve in this responsibility unordained.

Southwestern Seminary Sets Up Program In Houston

FORT WORTH (BP) — Southwestern Seminary will begin this fall offering accredited degree courses in an off-campus program in Houston to "take the seminary to the minister rather than making the minister come to the seminary," a seminary spokesman said.

The program, entitled Southwestern Seminary in Southeast

Texas, was approved by the executive committee of the board of trustees of Southwestern.

It is an outgrowth of research among the 490 Baptist churches in the Houston-Galveston area. Two independent surveys revealed that 49 percent of the church staff personnel had no seminary training.

The coordinating committee will financially underwrite the project, Southwestern Seminary will furnish the educational personnel, and Houston Baptist University will supply the classroom and office space.

Jesse Northcutt, Southwestern Seminary's vice president for academic affairs, said courses offered will lead to two basic degrees — the master of divinity and the master of religious education. Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., has established an off-campus satellite degree program. One of its major off-campus centers is Los Angeles.

ham, Jackson, M.C.M.; Dennis Lee Johnson, Corinth, M. Div.; James Mark Landrum, Clinton, M. Div.; David Eugene O'Brien, Collins, M.C.M.; Ben G. Pilgreen, Monticello, M.C.M.; Virginia Kaye Stampely, Jackson, M.M.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

HONG KONG (RNS) — South Vietnam's new Communist rulers have told representatives of the Roman Catholic Church in Saigon that freedom of religion will be respected, according to a Saigon radio report.

ST. LOUIS (RNS) — Membership in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod declined slightly in 1974, the third year in a row for which a decrease has been reported. As of Dec. 31, 1974, baptized members of the Church in North and South America totaled 3,044,751, down 10,503 from 1973. North American membership was 2,886,481, a decrease of 7,333. Confirmed members rose by 28,477 to reach a total of 2,187,457.

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Some of the expectations that Unitarians and Universalists had when their denominations merged in 1961 have not been reached, the General Assembly of the merged body was told here. A nine-member commission set up to evaluate the merger said the 14-year-old Unitarian Universalist Association has not yet proven to be the rallying point for other liberal religious bodies that some expected.

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — The Rev. Robert K. Nace of Greenville, Pa., president of the Board of Directors of A. D. Publications, Inc., was elected moderator of the United Church of Christ at its 10th General Synod. As the top elected official of the denomination, he will preside over its 11th General Synod in 1977. Mr. Nace succeeds Judge Margaret A. Haywood, the first black woman ever to hold a top leadership post in a major U. S. denomination.

EVANSTON, ILL. (RNS) — Women will fill at least 64 more seats at the 1976 United Methodist General Conference than at the 1972 quadrennial legislative assembly of the 10 million-member denomination. Seventy-three domestic annual (regional) conference elected 192 women to the meeting next year in Portland, Ore., according to tallies made here by Church agencies at the close of the early Summer annual conference season.

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Congregations of the American Lutheran Church, which sustained membership losses again in 1974, have been urged to make an aggressive evangelical outreach during the coming year. The ALC Church Council, at its annual meeting here, called on the congregations to move out of the ALC's "ethnic ghetto" and "become a church more reflective of the racial diversity of America." ALC members are predominantly German and Scandinavian.

Nations Blended In Congress Choir

STOCKHOLM — Music was a key note aspect of the Baptist World Congress and it was the theme of the July 8-13 event for about 800 who sang in the international congress choir.

The congress—at main sessions, a Music Corner, open air meetings in Stockholm—featured such singers as a Swedish choir that rehearsed for the year before the congress; a quartet from the USSR; a trio from Hong Kong; university choirs from the USA; a 20 voice choir from South Africa; a 60 voice choir from Hungary; a young guitarist from East Germany and a popular young Swedish singer; a Nagaland, India, group; and a musical drama written for the congress.

Eurovision telecast a Cavalcade of Singing Choirs Saturday evening, July 12, from central Stockholm. Congress music was coordinated by William J. Reynolds, Donald P. Husted, and E. Edward Thomas of the USA, Kjell Lonna of Sweden, and Otnar Schulz of Germany.



New Staff Members Tour Baptist Building

Directors of associational missions and new church staff members listen to remarks by foreign missionary Guy Henderson (upper photo) following lunch at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Some 60 new church staff members were on guided tours of the building. In the lower photo Convention Board business manager Art Nelson (nearest camera) explains the operation of his office to a part of one of the tour groups. Such tours are conducted twice each year.



Miss Storey Miss McKeithen

Missourians Pick Terry

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gree in history and communications from Mississippi College, Clinton, and is currently enrolled in Southern Seminary's doctor of ministries program.

Student church staff positions have included the pastorate of Salem Baptist Church, Owen County, Ky., pastor internship at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, Louisville, and positions as minister of music and minister of youth education at churches in Mississippi and Michigan.

As news director at Southern Seminary, he served as managing editor of the school's alumni publication, *The Tie*, and at the Western Recorder, he has served as acting editor during illnesses of C. R. Daley, the editor.

As the Western Recorder's associate editor, he had responsibility for the paper's news and feature content, advertising, circulation promotion, and layout and production. He is married to the former Miss Eleanor Ruth Foster of Vicksburg, Miss., and has two children.

WMU Workshops

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and the Baptist Women sessions will be study workshops.

Miss Waudine Storey, an associate in the Woman's Missionary Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will direct the enlistment workshops. The study workshops will be conducted by Miss Ethel McKeithen, also an associate in the WMU Department.

The workshops will be sponsored by the department.

At First Baptist Church, Winona, the times will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on July 28 and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on July 29.

At First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, the times will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on July 29 and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on July 30.



Bush Stampely Denham Johnsey Landrum O'Brien Pilgrim

Seven Graduate At Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Texas — Seven natives of Mississippi received degrees during summer commencement exercises in Truett Auditori-

um at Southwestern Seminary, July 18. They were: Luther Russell Bush III, Columbia, Ph.D.; Edward Franklin Den-



By Joe McKeever, Pastor
FBC, Columbus

"In our city," said one foreign missionary, "every time I have ever presented the Gospel in sermon, someone has responded. And usually, they respond by the dozens."

The exciting thing about such a statement is that it is true in many parts of the world where Southern Baptists have missionaries. God is bringing revival through the ministries of our faithful missionaries who quickly add, "But we can't do it without you—your prayers and Cooperative Program support!" And so it is: the prayers of God's people for power and victories, and their financial support undergirding and strengthening each effort.

Question: Exactly how does the money we give through the Cooperative Program lay the groundwork for the work of evangelism?

Answer: I talked to Missionary Lewis Myers, a Mississippian assigned to Vietnam. Here is his answer, sharing the various ways God is using your gifts to win the Vietnamese people to Christ.

(1) Evangelism Property. In many countries, you lose your friends and maybe your job when you become a Christian. So, people shy away from buildings that are known as churches. That's no real problem — the Christians simply purchase neutral places such as a community center or coffee house. Here, one may inquire into the Christian faith without social stigma. Once they commit themselves to Christ, they are willing to confess Him publicly. Cooperative Program money purchases this evangelism property.

(2) Evangelism Conferences. In Vietnam, they're usually called spiritual retreats. Church leaders come together for training in evangelism and inspiration from the Scriptures. The churches pay transportation for their workers. Cooperative Program money pro-

Bush Elected To Faculty At Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Texas. — During a recent meeting of the trustees of Southwestern Seminary, Dr. Russ Bush, III was elected to the permanent faculty of the School of Theology as assistant professor of philosophy of religion.

Bush, a native of Mississippi, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Russell Bush, Jr. of Columbia. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and of Southwestern Seminary. He is expected to receive the doctor of philosophy degree from the seminary this July.

He is married to the former Cynthia Ellen McGraw. They have one son.

The Cooperative Program Lays The Groundwork For Revivals

vides the program, food and lodging for the entire conference.

(3) Evangelism Literature. Tracts are made available to the churches free of charge. Although churches have to pay for their other literature, they are given all the evangelistic tracts they can use. The reason is simple: if the church is in a bind financially, it should not have to cut back on its evangelism materials to save money. That's cutting its own throat. Cooperative Program money prints all these witnessing materials.

(4) Evangelism Movie. Under the direction of Missionary Peyton Moore of Meridian, a movie has been made. It's a modern adaptation of the Prodigal Son. The Vietnamese director who was hired to make the film became a Christian in the process.

FREEDOM 76 Needs Voices For 1,000-Voice Choir

SAN ANTONIO — A 1,000 voice choir will make up part of the varied musical atmosphere for FREEDOM 76, a nationwide conference for college students and single and married young adults here, Dec. 28-31.

The conference, sponsored by all the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention through its Inter-Agency Council, will tie together the strands Christian and national heritage, Christian citizenship, vocation, the home and the church's mission as Christians enter the nation's third 100 years.

College choirs, Baptist Student Union choirs, church college choirs, church young adult choirs and specialty music groups are being invited to form the 1,000-voice choir.

They may also audition to sing during the main program and at selected sites, including Freedom Ring, conceived by FREEDOM 76 planners as a "spectacular entertainment center."

Any musical director wishing for his or her group to be considered for appearance should submit a tape recording of three or more selections and an 8" x 10 glossy photo of the group to Royce Dowell, 401 Baptist Building, Dallas, Tex., 75201 on or before October 15, 1975.

Anyone attending the conference, who isn't part of a musical group, may also sing in the conference choir. Groups and individuals will be responsible for learning, in advance, eight to ten choral numbers which will be selected by September 1.

Participants must bear their own expenses, including \$15 registration fee. Those singing at evening sessions must use the sound system provided by the conference and those singing at Freedom Ring or other sites must provide their own sound system.

BWA President Urges Lay-Pastor Teamwork

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"The Lord has blessed me continually since," Wong said. "As the years go by, I realize more and more that there is plenty of work to be done for the Lord."

"The Lord willing, I am going to devote my whole time to serve Him in whatever capacity He wants me in. My wife has the same desire. We pray that God will use us to work for His glory."

In an address prepared for acceptance of the presidency, Wong expressed appreciation and called upon Baptists in a "rapidly changing world" to ask, "What would Jesus want us to do in this situation?"

He identified seven "priorities for the work of our Baptist World Alliance" as:

1. "To strive to make the Alliance a visible, living symbol of the essential unity and oneness of Baptists in the Lord Jesus Christ."

2. "To encourage support for the (BWA's newly voted) division of evangelism and education, so that the mission of the church may be extended and strengthened."

3. "To join all Baptists — especially those of Asia, Africa and South America —

more fully in the missionary task of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. This good news extends throughout the diverse geographical areas, the language groups and the cultures in which God has placed us.

4. "To emphasize the need for lay persons to become actively engaged in ministry and personal witness."

5. "To emphasize the urgent need for Christians to accept responsibility for the alleviation of human suffering, for the fostering of religious liberty and for social justice. We recognize that proclamation, Christian service, and social action are necessary expressions of our love for neighbors and our obedience to Jesus Christ."

6. "To establish relationships of mutual understanding, respect and cooperation with other believers who share our concern for making Christ known in every place, and for serving mankind in His name."

7. "To continue to work for peace and reconciliation in the midst of the tension, distrust, violence and conflict which abound in our world."

Wong concluded by saying only "God has the strength that we need and our trust is in Him."

Premieres are being arranged in major cities. Churches will borrow the film at no cost. Cooperative Program money paid for this great evangelistic tool.

(5) Evangelism Van. This is a minibus, used to show outdoor movies in public parks and country villages. Since it has a public address system, the bus is used for outside preaching services, too. Cooperative Program money bought this bus and keeps it on the road.

Dr. Drew J. Gunnels, former president of the Foreign Mission Board, said recently that whatever is accomplished in revivals in our foreign mission work is based on the untiring and relentless efforts of foreign missionaries and nationals for years and years.

Thus, we can add one last item to the above: Evangelism People. People like Lewis and Tony Myers and like the Peyton Moores. People who travel half way around the world to introduce the unsaved to Christ.

And yes, it's Cooperative Program money again. Isn't that good to know?

21 Conferences Are Scheduled

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offered on Thursday only. These are for WMU Enrollment - Enlargement directors, WMU Mission Action directors, Acteens directors, and GA directors.

Otherwise all conferences will be repeated at each session.

The general conferences for WMU members and the conference leaders are as follows:

Inexperienced WMU directors, Edwin Robinson; Experienced WMU directors, Marjean Patterson; WMU Enrollment - Enlargement directors, Mrs. John Causey (Thursday only); WMU mission action directors (Thursday only), Mrs. Robert Smira.

For members of Baptist Women the conferences and the leaders are as follows:

Inexperienced Baptist Women presidents and secretaries, Mrs. E. M. Kee; Experienced Baptist Women presidents and secretaries, Ethel McKethen; Mission study chairmen, Mrs. P. C. Perkins; Mission study group leaders, Mrs. Hayes Callicott; Mission support chairman and prayer group leaders, Mrs. W. L. Compere; Mission action chairman and mission action group leaders, Mrs. Billy Williams; Baptist Women members, Mrs. James Burns.

For members of Baptist Young Women the conferences and the leaders will be as follows:

Inexperienced Baptist Young Women leaders and members, Frances Shaw; Experienced Baptist Young Women leaders and members, Jane Hix.

For leaders of Acteens the conferences and their leaders will be as follows:

Inexperienced Acteens workers, Mrs. W. T. Young; Experienced Acteens workers, Marilyn Hopkins; Acteens directors (Thursday only), Mrs. Jimmy Richardson.

For leaders of Girls in Action the conferences and their leaders will be as follows:

Inexperienced GA workers, Mrs. R. A. Cooper; Experienced GA workers, Waudine Storey; GA directors (Thursday only), Mrs. A. G. Weems.

Mrs. Joe Barber will lead the conferences for all Mission Friends workers.

Dr. Kenneth Glass Joins MC Faculty

Dr. Kenneth Glass has joined the Mississippi College faculty in the Division of Education and Psychology as assistant professor and Director of Placement, according to Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs.

Dr. Glass, a native of Scottsboro, Ala., joined the faculty at the start of the second summer term and will be establishing a campus-wide placement service as part of the college's program for its students.

A licensed psychological examiner, Dr. Glass holds the bachelor of science degree in industrial management from Auburn University, the master of religious education degree from Golden Gate Seminary, the master of arts in guidance and counseling from the University of Alabama, and the doctor of education in educational psychology and guidance from the University of Tennessee.

Two Meetings Remain In Decade Of Advance Series

Two meetings remain in the series of 14 meetings across the state relative to the Decade of Advance. The two are at First Church, Kosciusko, on July 28 and at First Church, Starkville, on July 29.

Both meetings will get under way at 7 p.m.

A multi-media program of music, panel discussion, an audio-visual presentation, and an inspirational address will be offered at these two locations as it has at the 12 previous sites.

The inspirational address will be delivered by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Rev. John Alexander, director of the Convention Board Stewardship Department, will be in charge of the program at each of the churches.



Beauty And The "Brain"

A computer arrived on the William Carey College campus recently to add a new dimension to life on the Hattiesburg campus. Kathy Pigott, lovely sophomore from Prentiss, tests the complicated equipment in the photo above. She is a business education major. Classes in computer science began at Carey on July 7. Two additional classes are scheduled for the fall.

50,000 Hear Graham In Swedish Park

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Swedish television covered his Skansen address live to all of Sweden and parts of Norway and Denmark.

Graham has been given an official invitation from a wide range of churches to return to Stockholm in 1977. He said he is considering this invitation carefully.

Baptist Resolution Calls For Religious Liberty

STOCKHOLM — Delegates to the 13th Baptist World Congress adopted a resolution calling for concern about Christian principles of religious liberty, human rights, world peace, and public morality.

The lengthy resolution originated in the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights, chaired by Gardner Taylor of New York, USA, and co-chaired by Foy Valentine of Nashville, USA. The resolution was the major report of the resolutions committee, chaired by Jose dos Reis Pereira of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The religious liberty portion of the resolution reaffirmed Baptist belief in full religious liberty for all persons, including six specific freedoms in public practice of religion.

The resolution called on Baptists to refrain from seeking or accepting privileges from governments that would infringe upon full religious liberty for all citizens, and suggested that Baptists work in their churches and in their governments to defend religious liberty.

In another section of the resolution, Baptists said, "We believe that God has made mankind in his own image and that he endows us with certain human rights which Christians are obligated to affirm, defend, and extend."

Among human rights named were those that "allow for adequate development of human potentialities; that promote self-determination and economic and social justice, that help maintain cultural identity; and that allow dissent with privacy."

On world peace, the Congress delegates said, "We acknowledge that peace is the gift of God who established peace in the lives of believers and then enables them to share and to extend it."

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Michael Laney of Amory commutes from Amory to Blue Mountain College (140 miles round trip) every day as he works on a degree in Bible from the college.

Amory Minister Motorcycles To Blue Mountain Classes

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS. — Michael Laney believes he has a pretty good reason for undertaking a trip by motorcycle five days each week from the outskirts of Amory to Blue Mountain College.

The round trip involves about three and one half hours of driving time for the 140 miles traveled each day.

The 22-year-old Blue Mountain College student answered the call to preach in March and has since decided to return to college to obtain a B.A. degree in Bible. He lives just outside of Amory.

Laney, who has been licensed to preach, said if it is necessary, he will continue to make the trip for three more years, the amount of time he believes it will take him to get a degree at Blue Mountain College. He completed some college work while in the military service between 1971 and 1974.

Laney drives a motorcycle to Blue Mountain instead of an automobile in order to save money on gasoline. He can make the trip five times by motorcycle for what it would cost to make it once by automobile. The cost of gasoline for the five days he attends class each week is \$4. He saves about \$24 per week.

The motorcycling minister has another reason for traveling on two wheels instead of four; he finds the trip to be much more interesting. "It doesn't get boring," he said. "I'm constantly doing something. In a car I'd get bored and sleepy."

He has been a motorcycle enthusiast since he was 13. So far he hasn't had any bad experiences while making the long trip to and from summer classes. He has tried to anticipate any mechanical trouble and carry along the proper equipment. He also tries to be particularly cautious to make up for motorists who are not as observant as they should be.

"People don't respect a motorcycle as they would another vehicle," Laney said. "They don't respect a motorcyclist like they would another driver either. That's where accidents come."

Weather hasn't posed a problem for the Bible student thus far. He has a wet suit for rainy weather and a leather suit for cold weather. He has a car he can depend on, however, when the weather is extremely bad.

Laney does not plan to move to Blue Mountain because he and his wife are very active in Canton Baptist Church, located near his home. He serves as children's church pastor for the six to 12-year-old children of the church and his wife is in charge of instructing the four and five-year-olds. The Laney's have a two-year-old daughter named Michele.

The only way he will move without great reluctance is to be asked to pastor a church.

At present Laney is supporting his family by working at the Goodyear Store in Amory. He works for the company in the afternoon as a mechanic and at night as a bill collector. His income is also supplemented by Veterans Administration benefits.

He leaves his home by 6 a.m. in order to meet his first class, at 8 a.m. He is able to be back at work in Amory around 2 p.m. He usually finishes work at 8 or 9 p.m.

By the end of summer school Laney will have logged nearly 175 hours while driving 8,500 miles. He believes his time is being well spent.

The Baptist Store in Jackson Will Be Closed Thursday July 31
For Inventory Telephone Order Desk Will Be Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

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EDITORIAL

"Sunday Opening"

The matter of "Sunday Opening" of retail business establishments, is an issue which arises from time to time in various parts of the nation, and which is disturbing the Jackson area right now. The matter may be settled before the editorial gets into print, but some things need to be said concerning it anyway.

For many communities of the nation, and certainly in Mississippi, Sunday has been a day of rest and worship, and most retail businesses have been closed. While some filling stations, some drug stores, and most of the "convenience" groceries have been open, by and large the retail establishments have been closed on Sunday. Unlike some areas of the land, especially in the larger cities, where Sunday apparently has become just another day as far as retail business is concerned, most Mississippi cities and towns have been free from this practice.

Recently, however, some of the "supermarket" groceries in Jackson have begun to open on Sunday, and one by one other chains have been following suit. The problem has become of such concern that

some business leaders, including the Chamber of Commerce and some of the grocery companies themselves, have requested the city council to take action to stop such general opening. It is reported that the matter may come before the council this week, so it may be settled by the time this publication comes from the press. We certainly hope that such an ordinance is passed, and that we have seen the last of the Sunday opening of the large establishments. We do not approve of the opening of the smaller establishments either, but they do not effect the community in the same way that the large stores do, since most trade is with the larger stores. We commend the city council for any action it may take which will halt this practice of opening up general retail business on Sunday. We also commend business leaders for requesting action on it.

Should there be a failure to close the stores by ordinance, then there still is something which Christians can do. We can refuse to patronize these establishments on Sunday. If enough people do that, Sunday opening will be unprofitable, and they

soon will close, since the motive for the opening is profit. There certainly is little reason that anybody has to buy groceries or other merchandise on Sunday. When stores are open six days a week, and some every night, or even twenty-four hours a day, there is no necessity for being open on Sunday. It is sad that businesses such as these have to be closed by ordinance, when their own desire to give their employees rest, and their own respect for the community, ought to cause them to remain closed. As one of our fellow editors in another state wrote some time ago concerning the announced Sunday opening of a large general retail store, "Shame on _____!" We feel that way about this recent development.

God has not changed His command that man have a day for rest and worship, and we do not believe that He approves of this trend.

As we said in the beginning, the issue may be settled before this is published, and we hope that it is. If it is not, surely there is enough Christian influence in our state to stop such developments here.

Getting Your Story Published

Three revival and two homecoming announcements, all relating to the following Sunday, reached our offices last Tuesday morning when the paper was in type and was being pasted up. Three more stories reached us on Wednesday morning when most of the papers had been printed and mailed. Postmarks on these announcements revealed that most of them had been mailed Monday morning, although one or two had been mailed Friday.

As it seems we must do ever so often, let us remind you again that announcements for the Record must reach the editorial offices not later than Monday morning if they are to appear in that week's paper. Stories mailed on Monday cannot possibly reach us on time, and often, because of the way the mails now move, even those mailed on Saturday may not be in our Monday mail.

However, there should be no problem about getting such announcements in on time. Revivals, homecomings, groundbreakings and similar occasions usually are planned weeks ahead, so there is plenty of time to get them in. Just don't wait until the last minute to send them in.

While we are saying this, let us again remind you, that we do not publish reports of G.A. or Acteen, Coronations, R.A. Recognitions, Vacation Bible Schools, banquets, and similar activities which occur in almost every church, and actually are not news of interest to a wide circle of readers. Moreover, we have been receiving so many youth choir pictures, church bus photos, and similar pictures and stories, that we are having to limit the use of them. Space simply does not permit us to use pictures of all of the

activities in our churches, so we try to cover the activity through special reports, and features stories which are more general in nature. If your story or picture is not used, please do not feel that we are discriminating against you, but realize that we are seeking to find the best solution to the problem of receiving far more material than we possibly can use.

Finally, please remember that the editorial position of the paper is found in the editorial columns, and not in the news stories or letters to the editor which are published. The Baptist Record is a newspaper, seeking to give the best possible coverage to all the religious news of interest to our readers and also allowing readers the right to speak. We try to be selective but we also try to be fair. Remember this, and you will be helping us provide a better publication for you.

NEWEST BOOKS

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM FOR WOMEN AND OTHER HUMAN BEINGS by Harry N. Hollis, Jr., Vera Mace, David Mace, and Sarah Frances Anders (Broadman, \$4.95, 192 pp.) The focus here is on Christian freedom, not merely on women's liberation. Four outstanding author-lecturers have pooled their insights, and deal with the entire gamut of women's situation in contemporary society. They speak about changing responsibilities of women in the church, women in the Bible and Christian history, women in the family, myths about men and women, women's liberation movements, marriage, women and health, and more.

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTURY COLLECTION OF CIVIL WAR ART — Foreword by Bruce Catton (American Heritage — McGraw Hill, 400 pp., \$35.00).

An amazing collection of drawings of the Civil War made at the scenes, by artists who were commissioned by publications of that day to draw the story of the war as they saw it. Because of the limitations of the printers' art of that day, the rich realism of these hundreds of drawings and paintings could not be fully reproduced, and great sets based upon them, published after the war, did not fully do them justice. The collection was preserved, but only came to light in 1973. Then American Heritage acquired the collection and now reproduces it in this priceless volume. Along with the drawings which are beautifully reproduced with a tint background, there is full text to tell the story which each picture depicts. This is a volume which will bring much pleasure and accurate historical knowledge to all readers, young and old.

ANCIENT PORTRAITS IN MODERN FRAMES, Volume I, by Herbert Lockyer (Baker, 135 pp., \$2.95); **ANCIENT PORTRAITS IN MODERN FRAMES, Volume II**, by Herbert Lockyer (Baker, 146 pp., \$2.95). The first volume contains captivating biographies of Bible personalities, including Enoch, Lot, Rachel, Elijah, Saul, David, Jonathan, Asa, Herod, Barnabas, and Timothy. The second discusses fascinating figures from church history, such as Martin Luther, John Knox, David Livingstone, and John Wesley. **SELECTED SCRIPTURE SUMMARIES, Volume I** by Herbert Lockyer (Baker, \$3.95, 232 pp.); and **SELECTED SCRIPTURE SUMMARIES, Volume II**, by Herbert Lockyer (Baker, \$3.95, 146 pp.) The first volume gives 22 summaries which clarify the basic teachings of the whole Bible. The second vol-

ume presents 19 summaries that illuminate basic Biblical themes from the New Testament. All four may be bought as a special set for \$12.75.

HIS GLORIOUS NAME, The Names and Titles of Jesus Christ by Charles J. Rolfe (Loiseaux, \$4.95, 255 pp.) This is the fifth and final volume of the Names and Titles of Jesus. Included here are 47 titles, beginning with the letters T, U, V, and W, and a discussion of each. Dr. Rolfe, an Englishman, remembered that George Washington Carver produced 310 products from the peanut and felt that if the human mind could comprehend the components of perishable peanuts, how much greater must be the spiritual values in His imperishable Names! He prepared these five volumes with the prayer that "they might stimulate some to see and develop a greater capacity for comprehending and appreciating the personal beauties, virtues, and glories of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself."

BAPTISTS WHO SHAPED A NATION by O. K. Armstrong and Marjorie Moore Armstrong (Broadman, paper, 123 pp., \$1.95) In a lively narrative style these two well-known writers tell of conditions and conflicting forces at work in our nation's early days and how five Baptists influenced them: John Leland, Roger Williams, John Clarke, William Scriven, and Isaac Backus. They worked for religious freedom.

FREE FALL by JoAnn Kelley Smith (Judson Press, \$5.95, 138 pp.) This sensitive book, written in the final months of the author's life, describes her feelings as she learns of her terminal cancer and lives out the days and nights waiting for the end. With the help of her husband, she tells of her emotional conflicts, of probing questions she asks, of support she needs as a dying person.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT; SERMONS FROM THE MIRACLES; FACES ABOUT THE CROSS; LIVING ZESTFULLY, all by Clovis Chappell (Baker, each \$2.95, around 224 pp. each) Chappell was ordained a Methodist minister in 1908, was a pastor over 40 years, and wrote over 20 books. Baker Book House has established the Clovis Chappell Library which produces reprints of the famous man's timeless and unforgettable sermons. These four are in the series.

COUNSEL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS; THE KING'S HIGHWAY; and CHRIST'S GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS, all by Charles H. Spurgeon

(Baker, \$1.95 each, about 125 pp. each, paper) A rich cross-section of Spurgeon's preaching is presented in the Charles H. Spurgeon Library now being published by Baker. These three are in the valuable series.

A TREASURY OF INSPIRATIONAL ILLUSTRATIONS by Earl C. Willer (Baker, paper, \$2.95, 115 pp.) Arranged under topics of major emphases and special days, the right illustrations can be located easily in this new book—for speeches, devotionals, lessons, and short talks.

HOW GOD GUIDES US by Don W. Basham (Manna Christian Outreach, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, paper, 75c, 60 pp.) A minister in the Christian Church lists and illustrates four major principles in receiving and following God's Guidance.

TAKE IT FROM HERE Series Two by Glee Yoder (Judson Press, paper, \$3.50, 64 pp.) This new book is filled with sparkling ideas for creative activities—things to do for children, youth, and even adults, at home, in school, or at Sunday School. Coloring, sketching, storytelling, hobbies, games, rhythm, studying nature, bending wires, making toys, games, stunts, stringing beads, just begin the long list of ideas discussed in the book.

I HEARD THE OWL CALL MY NAME by Margaret Craven (Spire Books, paper, \$1.25, 150 pp.) This is a new paperback edition of the magnificent novel that came out in 1973—the story of a young man who learned the meaning of life—and death—in an Indian village in British Columbia.

CHALLENGING OBJECT LESSONS by Wesley T. Rank (Baker, paper, \$3 pp., \$1.95) These 52 object lessons feature texts from the New Testament epistles.

KOINONIA: UNIQUE CHRISTIAN BOND (Conventions Press, \$6.95) Youth Church Training Kit for special studies and retreats on the theme, "Koinonia: Unique Christian Bond." Includes leader's guide, worship guide, poster, recordings, poems, choral readings, stories, etc.

HOW CAN I FIND YOU, GOD? by Marjorie Holmes, illustrated by Betty Fraser (Doubleday, \$5.95, 202 pp.) Marjorie Holmes, known to many through her books of prayers and conversations with God—is pointing out here the many paths that have led her to God. It is a moving story of her intensely personal journey from a spiritual void to ulti-



A COACH'S CONVICTION

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Mississippi Adults At Ridgecrest

Dr. Joe T. Odle
Editor, The Baptist Record
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Dr. Odle:

In the July 10, 1975 issue of the Baptist Record the article listing the Mississippians on the staff at Ridgecrest for this summer did not list the adult staff which includes: Mr. and Mrs. George Collier, host and hostess of Rhodo Hall from Eupora, Miss; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jenkins from Clarksdale. Eddie is recreational director for the staff and Barbara, his wife, works at information desk. I, Mamie Dell Hutchins, Gulfport, Miss, am Girls Dormitory Director.

For the benefit of my Sunday School Class I left at Ridgecrest, Miss. I'd like for them to know I'm not goofing off."

Sincerely,
Mrs. C. E. Hutchins

On The MORAL SCENE...

JUSTICE DELAYED — If you think that the days of child labor in the United States are over, you are wrong. Oregon bean and strawberry growers have pressured a House subcommittee on migrant labor to approve a bill allowing children aged 5 to 12 to work in the fields harvesting crops. Tom McCall, former Oregon governor, says that over half of Oregon's beans and strawberries are picked by children under 14, and farm labor leaders say that child labor is widespread elsewhere, too. (America, May 3, 1975, p. 333.)

SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS — A Gallup poll in April found that 75 percent of Americans said, "No, the U. S. should not quit the United Nations." A Harris survey done recently for the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations found that 78 percent of the sample said it's important to strengthen the UN. A UN Association poll of the new House of Representatives reports that nearly 85 percent of the House members reaffirm the importance of the UN. (The Inter Dependence, May 1975, Vol. 2, No. 5)

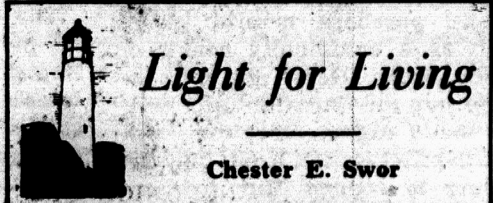
mate joy. She finds God through people, through the wonders of nature, through the bliss of birth and the testing of pain and death, through books and art and work and prayer.

DAYS TO REMEMBER, SERMONS FOR SPECIAL DAYS by R. Earl Allen (Baker, 136 pp., paper \$2.95) These 15 sermons are for special days, which include most important Christian holidays, days dedicated to mothers, fathers, children, senior citizens, and laymen; New Year, baccalaureate, library week, Independence, benevolence, and Thanksgiving.

LORD, IT'S ME AGAIN by Alton H. Wilson (Doubleday, \$5.95, 102 pp.) These are privileged glimpses, in elegant language, of conversations between a man and his God. Mr. Wilson's prayer subjects range from the meaning of work in his garden to the ministry of Christ in the world, from the depression of a gray day to visions of Judgment Day.

WHEN HELL TREMBLES by James P. Wesberry (Baker, \$3.95, 118 pp.) Well-known Atlanta pastor calls for revival—revival which must begin in the churches and which will go a long way toward solving society's problems. This book includes 17 of his sermons on revival.

WHY SINK WHEN YOU CAN SWIM? by June Miller (Zondervan, paper, 95c, 60 pp.) A study guide, based on seven God-given principles for successful relationships with other people.



Thy Neighbor As Thyself

Is the "Thou shalt love... thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 9:27) possible and realistic? Quite naturally, Jesus would not have said it if it were not both possible and realistic, and, in addition, a rich spiritual blessing to the person who does it.

What are some of the things the normal one of us would love to receive from other people? Our individual lists would vary, but to get a general list started, here are some things we would so much love to have from others:

1. We would love to be understood, even if understanding us at times may require generosity, even charity, on the part of other people. It hurts deeply for our motives, purposes, words, or actions to be misunderstood and misinterpreted.
2. We would love to be accepted, even if we are not "like" other people in all of our personality traits. Nobody wants to be forced into molds which other people require for acceptance if those molds are not based on Christian love and understanding.
3. We would love to be complimented and praised when our achievements are praiseworthy.
4. We would love to be the recipient of patience from others if in any aspect of our lives we are not proceeding as rapidly or as fruitfully as most others do.
5. We would love to be loved, despite the obvious fact that we are often not actually lovable!
6. We would love to be forgiven—promptly, gladly, graciously with the "not only forgiven, but forgotten" tag on the transaction.
7. We would like to be restored to love, respect, and full acceptance if we have made mistakes which have disappointed or hurt others.
8. Add to this list the things which you know you so much want to receive from other people.

IF THESE ARE QUALITIES WHICH WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE FROM OUR NEIGHBORS, ISN'T BOTH POSSIBLE AND REALISTIC FOR US TO BE WILLING AND EAGER TO DO THE SAME FOR THEM? AND LET'S NOT EXPECT TO LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS: FOR, COME TO THINK OF IT, WE DON'T REALLY LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT OURSELVES, DO WE?

It will be easier to love our neighbors if we have done what the first part of Luke 9:27 asks: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind... and thy neighbor as thyself."

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Montana Looks Ahead With Optimism

By Glenn Field
Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship met May 5-6 at Trinity Baptist Church in Missoula, Montana. There were as many as 110 present at one of the sessions. Dr. Gail DeBord of Long Beach, Mississippi and Rev. Floyd Hughes of Gulfport were guest speakers.

The major action of the Fellowship was to appoint a long range committee to promote advancement in establishing church-type missions, ethnic missions, institutional missions, and to suggest ways to be effective in letting out influence be felt in the Montana legislature.

Concerning church-type missions, there was a lot of interest. More development has been planned for Montana. Here are a few instances:

White Sulphur Springs is the county seat of Meagher County. We have a mission there sponsored by First Baptist Church of Townsend. The irony is that First Baptist of Townsend must depend on some income from sources other than local to keep operating, let alone supporting White Sulphur Springs which is the only Baptist work in this county. That's the way we have to operate sometimes. We have had a mission to sponsor another mission sometimes here in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. A ministerial student, native Montanan, is preaching at White Sulphur without pay, except for a limited amount for gasoline to make the 200 mile round trip each weekend. These funds will end July 15. We believe it is right to keep this mission in operation.

Olivet Church of Gulfport where Floyd Hughes is pastor, is assisting on the pastor's salary at Townsend. This is appreciated by all of us here in Montana. First Baptist of Jackson assists Bozeman, Missoula, and Helena on a monthly basis. This money is basically for buildings and what a blessing it is for these churches to receive it. First Baptist of Greenville was instrumental in purchasing property for the Four Corners Mission at Bozeman. This mission became a church on May 11 with 42 charter members.

While White Sulphur Springs is a fine mission opportunity, we have our eyes on Polson, another county seat town of 4,500 where our witness is desperately needed. A pastor and support for him will

be needed. This work will be sponsored by Easthaven of Kalispell, a church assisted for many years by Mississippi Baptists. Herman Adcock is pastor of the Kalispell church. The influence of Mississippi Baptists in Montana will be felt as long as time lasts.

We are looking at church property at Browning, home of the Blackfoot Indians. Some 5000 live on the reservation. Evangelical witness is very limited. We have opportunity to purchase a fine building there to begin operation of a mission where another Baptist group ceased their operation. Purchase is contingent, of course, upon available funds and/or financing.

There are scores of other situations in the "Big Sky Country" where God and we wait for some answer on beginning a witness. We believe we ought to begin work in such a way as to "see it through" once we start.

Our gratitude is overflowing when we consider the marvelous help that has come from Mississippi Baptists through the years.

(Glenn Field, Director of Missions, Montana-West, 836 - 29th Ave. N.E., Great Falls, Mont. 59404.)



FIRST PRIMARY TRAINING UNION CLASS—In 1918, Mrs. Greenoe organized a group that was probably the first Training Union class for children under nine in the Southern Baptist Convention. This was at First, Vicksburg. The above photo, taken in 1923, shows some of the members. The names are not in order, but included are Dick Knox, Ullman Wilson, Gertrude Wilson, Amos Hagedorn, Mary Jo Knox, Cecil Knox, Johnson Gessler, Jewel Evans,

Mary Lou Maddox, Katherine People, Sweet Jones, Mary Francis Harper, Louise Trevillion, Elizabeth Flohr, Elizabeth O'Connor, Frank Thomas, Fred Smith, George Abraham, Austin Hoxie, Watson Tickell, George Tickell, and another child with the last name of Smith. Mrs. Greenoe is in the back, wearing a large hat. The photo was taken beside the old First Baptist Church building, which stood at the corner of Walnut and Crawford Streets.

"I'll Take Those Children And We'll Do Something!"

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
"She has touched the lives of thousands," Gordon Cotton said about Mrs. J. C. Greenoe in a full-page article in the Vicksburg Evening Post, not long ago.

"I congratulate you . . . The entire south crowns you as the originator of the Primary BYPU." Auber J. Wilds wrote to Mrs. Greenoe in 1928.

Ten years before, in 1918, Genevieve Greenoe had organized in First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, a union that was probably the first in the SBC for children under nine. She and her husband moved to Mississippi that year from Louisville, Kentucky when he became pastor of the Vicksburg church. He was pastor there and at Wayside Church for thirteen years.

At 83, she still lives in Vicksburg with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Herring. Their house on Baum Street is a big two-story white one, beside a spreading ginkgo tree.

Her sight is almost gone and her right arm and hand are partially crippled because of a broken shoulder a year or so ago. Yet she still loves to laugh. In fact, she says she has gone through life laughing.

In 1931 the Greenoes left Vicksburg for Missouri. In 1936, while preaching the convention sermon for the Missouri Baptist Convention, he died in the pulpit.

She returned to Mississippi as an approved worker with the state Training Union Department and continued in that, without salary other than travel expenses, until nine years ago, when her eyesight began to fail.

In Church Training, she worked with Auber J. Wilds, Louise Hill Miller, Clarice Conner Waldrup, Joe Abrams, and later with Kermit King, Neta Stewart, and others. In her early years of travel she had many strange and amusing experiences. Usually she would stay in private homes while she taught study courses. One family offered her their son's room. "It was very nice," she remembers. "The walls were decorated with animals' heads—raccoons, squirrels, foxes, deer. In the night I got up for a drink of water. When I flipped the light switch, all the eyes of the animals lighted up. You can imagine my astonishment!" (The boy had wired the creatures with lights, as well as stuffing them.)

In another place, they offered her the boys' room, and casually mentioned that she need not pay any attention to the drawerful of pet snakes, as they

would not bite. When she saw one crawling along the edge of the baseboard, she grabbed her suitcase and ran outside to the preacher's car. "I'll sleep almost anywhere, but NEVER in a room with snakes!"

One week she nearly froze, even in bed under quilts, until she bribed the Choctaw servant to bring more wood for the fire. "I don't know where to get more wood," the woman said. "Well, you go and find some! and I'll give you this pin."

Mrs. Greenoe remembers, "I was hoping she'd like the jeweled brooch. I'd read in my history books that Indians liked beads! Sure enough, she brought more wood next day and there was a nice fire when we got home from church."

In yet another place, she smelled meat cooking one morning and thought it had an unusual aroma, so she asked the cook what it was. "Horse meat." That was the time she chose to observe "Meatless Week."

Back in 1918 she thought a pastor's wife had to do everything she was asked to do. In Mr. Cotton's recent article about her, he told this: One night a friend asked her to sit with a corpse, in the deceased lady's home. Draped over the open casket was a thick, gauzy material.

About 11 o'clock, the lady's daughter went to bed. Mrs. Greenoe thought she couldn't stay; she was so scared she was shaking. She counted every picture in the room, every door, every window, every object. About 2 a. m. she was sitting with her back to the casket, and she didn't know a cat was in the house. Suddenly the cat leaped on top of the casket and wound itself up in the thin material.

The noise awakened the other lady, who came into the room and said "That cat . . ."

"Yes, that cat," Mrs. Greenoe said. And that's all she could say. "I was so scared I thought I'd die."

No one asked her to start a BYPU for the children, but she knew her husband would like the idea. When the couple arrived in Vicksburg they had found many adults in the Senior BYPU. One union with young children called themselves "the parent union." They liked to come to BYPU and just brought their children to the adult union, since there was no provision for them.

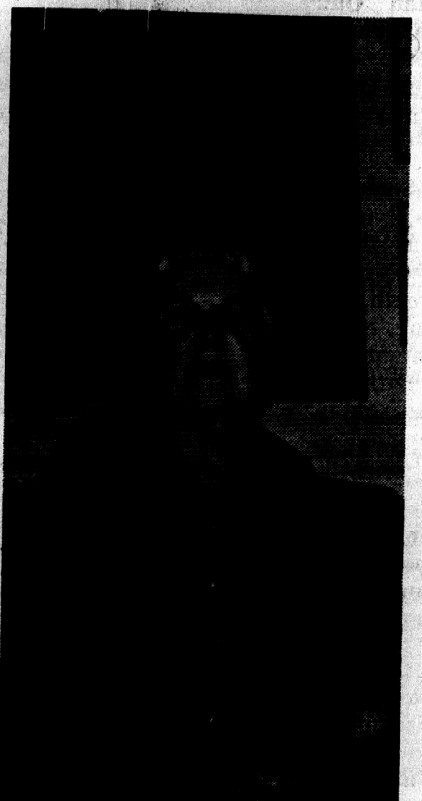
"They brought those children in droves," Mrs. Greenoe re-

members, "so I said, 'Dr. Greenoe, I'll take those children and we'll do something.'"

"At first, since there was no place to sit, the boys and girls sat on the floor. Then I walked down the hill toward the river to the Racquet Store and asked the man to sell me a dozen chairs. I got twelve little red chairs for a dollar apiece and paid for them myself."

With no printed lesson material available for the young children, she prepared her own. In 1924, the outline of one of her programs appeared in the Baptist Record, on the topic, "Jonah and the Fish." They would have Scripture reading, prayer, review of daily Bible readings (each member was to learn one verse a week and read it every

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Mrs. Greenoe at home on Baum Street in Vicksburg.



Louise Hill, Mrs. Greenoe, and Clarice Conner take a break in their Training Union travels, on a winter day in the Delta, 1940's.

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Bicentennial Convocation Slated In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON (BP) — "Baptists and the American Experience" will be the theme of a Baptist National Convocation on the Bicentennial in Washington, D.C., Jan. 12-15, 1976, according to James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

More than two years ago, the North American Baptist Fellowship determined that the nation's bicentennial observance provided various Baptist groups with an opportunity to cooperate in a joint celebration.

The NABF, an alliance of Baptist bodies on the North American continent (including Southern Baptists), asked the Baptist Joint Committee to take the lead and coordinate plans for the observance at the Shoreham Americana Hotel in Washington.

Since that time, an ad hoc committee of leaders from several conventions and conferences of Baptists in the U.S. has met five times with the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee to lay the groundwork for the convocation.

Wood's announcement indicated

that the convocation will focus not only on the past, but on the present and future as well. "While Baptists have had a significant role in the development of America," he said, "we feel that we must not dwell primarily on our past. Rather, the speakers and the seminar groups will address themselves to the present and the future as we seek on the occasion of the bicentennial to discern the role of Baptists in the life of the nation."

Under the general theme, five plenary sessions are planned, each of which will deal with a distinct element of the Baptist contribution to the religious and social fabric of the nation. Topics for the plenary sessions include: "Baptists, Liberty, and the American Revolution;" "Baptists and Human Rights in the American Experience;" "Baptist World Mission Outreach and American International Affairs;" "Religious Liberty and Public Policy;" and "Baptist Pluralism and Unity."

About 1,000 Vietnamese Have SBC Sponsors; More Needed

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — At least 1,000 Vietnamese refugees have been resettled by Southern Baptist groups, but the goal of relocating and resettling the Indo-Chinese from temporary camps in the United States is far from fulfilled, according to information from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

"We need sponsors. Our number one goal is to get these people out of the camps," says Jim Lassiter, field representative for Southern Baptists at Camp Pendleton, Calif., one of four state-side camps set aside for living quarters and processing stations.

The other camps are, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Ft. Chaffee, Ark., and Indiantown Gap, Pa.

As of mid-June, a board spokesman said, Camp Pendleton's press office released information saying that 88,389 refugees had arrived at the four stateside camps.

Thus far, only 29,389 refugees have been processed out, says Lassiter, who formerly served as a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board missionary in Vietnam and is now aiding in securing sponsors for the Vietnam refugees.

"That leaves 59,000 still in the camps," he says, "plus more than 40,000 waiting to get into the states."

"Pendleton's getting out about 350 people a day, and that's more than twice the amount for all the other camps combined," Lassiter notes.

Reports reaching the Home Mission Board's Office of Immigration and Refugee Service in Atlanta indicate that the largest number of refugees resettled by Southern Baptist groups have been in the Washington, D. C., area, including Maryland and northern Virginia.

Others have been resettled in California, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi

and Louisiana, according to Irvin Dawson, who heads the Baptist service which is working through Church World Service.

Churches willing to commit themselves to serve as sponsors are urged to take the following steps:

1) Vote in conference to sponsor a family; decide on size of family the church would prefer, available housing and job opportunities.

2) Write the Baptist coordinator or the Office of Immigration and Refugee Service, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30308, for commitment forms.

Processing time may be as short as two weeks from approval of an application for sponsorship to arrival of the family at the sponsor's city.

Sponsorship, according to Dawson, includes providing for the support of the refugee family until members can provide for themselves. This may take a few weeks or a few months, depending on employment opportunities.

Sponsorship involves, in the early stages of resettlement, provisions for housing, clothing, groceries, and other basic needs.

Transportation is provided by the government. A transitional resettlement grant of \$100 per refugee is provided by Church World Service in a check (requiring the signatures of the refugee and the sponsor).

The refugees are anxious to get out of the camps and resettle, Dawson adds. Even those highly skilled indicate willingness to take most any employment necessary.

The size of families varies considerably, from couples to extended families of 20 and 30. Many speak English.

(In Mississippi the coordinator is Rev. Rodney Webb, Box 530, Jackson, 39205.)



NASHVILLE — John Arrowood (left) has shown Dat Trieu, the first Vietnamese refugee to be placed in a Nashville home, the ways of American young people—including summer lawn mowing. (BP photo, courtesy of Suburban News, Nashville.)

Voncille Mills WMU President For EBC

Seeking to adapt WMU work to conditions of life in Europe is Voncille Rushing Mills, formerly of Union. The Blue Mountain graduate is president of the WMU of the European Baptist Convention (English-speaking). Mrs. Mills was educational director of the First Baptist Church of West Point after her graduation from New Orleans Baptist Seminary in 1966. Her husband is Wayne B. Mills, pastor of Anderson Memorial Baptist Church, Schweinfurt, Germany. The Mills have two daughters, Vonda Gaye, 5, and Vanece, 3.

The Mills expect to return in the fall and be based in Memphis.

He Loved To Shoot The Moon

By Ulma J. Jackson

He was fastidious about his prescriptions, his drugstores, his personal appearance, his reputation, and his church work, but he loved to be challenged. He was distinguished looking, a real gentleman.

His greatest challenge came in the last ten years of his life. Then, in spite of handicaps, he accomplished some hard jobs for his church. As chairman of the Stewardship Committee, he led in raising funds for an elevator and air-conditioning for Coliseum Place Baptist Church in New Orleans.

His philosophy was based on what his grandmother taught,

"The harder the task, the greater the blessing."

The minister's three sons promised their dying father that they would not drink, smoke, or gamble. They never did. The mother, an accomplished musician and Christian character, died shortly after her husband. Five orphaned children were left, ages 1-9 years.

Rev. James Jefferson Jackson had been valedictorian of his class at Mississippi College years before. Later, his sons Stanley and Spurgeon, would distinguish themselves in the Southern School of Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia.

In his younger years, Stanley ("Doc"), as he came to be called, loved drugstores, girls, new sport cars, and white linen clothes, in that order. "Spurgeon was the efficient manager, but Stanley knew drugs in their partnership," the family noted. Doc kept up with the new drugs, in retirement, as long as his eyes permitted. Later we helped him with his Red Book, the Bible of pharmacology. He had reciprocal license in several states.

He taught young people in Sunday School classes and in Royal Ambassadors organizations. These were always well attended, for Doc left no stones unturned for his young people.

This included his daughter, whom he adored.

He worked hard and was accustomed to winning. He once wrote me that if he did not win my love, it would be his first major defeat. He won for keeps that time!

"Shooting the moon" in the game of Seven Up means bidding the whole score of 11, on one hand. You either win or go under 11 points. Doc played this game as he lived his life: with zest! His last victories were won by sheer dedication and will power.

First, his vision was slowly destroyed by glaucoma, discovered when an operation for removal of cataracts failed to restore sight. Then, in quick succession, diabetes, painful arthritis in both knees, prostate and bladder condition necessitating operations and treatments. But Doc charted his course to accomplish his task in spite of these things.

Plans were made by his elevator committee for contacts of many kinds. His chief vehicle was his telephone. Using his typewriter from early to late he wrote friends, calling them long distance sometimes. He often used "check swapping" to disguise his own giving when he deemed it wise. The church bulletin often carried messages of thanks, pro-

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The Holy Spirit In Christian Growth

By William J. Falls

John 16:12-15; Romans 8:26-27;
Galatians 5:16-26

We are living in an era of the rediscovery of the Holy Spirit. He has been here all along, but most Christians have paid little attention to his work. The "main line" denominations have worshiped God and preached Christ, but they have let the sect groups talk about the Spirit. They were the enthusiasts—informal and emotional in worship—and they emphasized personal experience. But now people of almost every denomination and some Roman Catholics are talking about the influence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Some are more interested in speaking in tongues and the gift of healing as evidence of the Spirit's presence, while others are finding their lives enriched by the Spirit in a fresh commitment, group Bible study, and conversational prayer. In this lesson we look into the writings of John and Paul to discover the place of the Spirit in Christian growth.

The Lesson Explained
He Teaches About Christ
John 16:12-15

The distinctive word used by John for the Holy Spirit has been transliterated from the Greek to English as "Paraclete", and it means "one called along side another." It is translated Comforter in the King James Version, Counselor in the Revised Standard, Helper in "Today's English Version."

So, the Spirit can also be our Teacher. Jesus knew his disciples still needed to learn much, but he would soon be leaving them. Some things they would not be ready to understand until they were faced with real opposition, problems in the churches, and searching questions from both Jews and Gentiles. Then the Spirit would guide them in a gradual teaching-learning experience. "He will not speak on his own authority" (RSV) but will teach what God tells him. Whatever he teaches will honor Christ, helping his followers to understand his mission, his relationship with the Father, and his intentions through the church. These are the "things" in verse 15. Always the Spirit's purpose is to clarify the intention of God in Christ.

He Helps Us To Pray
Rom. 8:26-27

When Paul thought about the marvelous love and purpose of God in trying to reclaim men and women as his children through Christ, when he thought of God's power and holiness, he sensed that mere men would not know how to pray unless the Spirit helped them. He felt the Spirit's presence in his own experience.

"Infirmities" in verse 26 does not refer to particular disabilities; rather it means weakness. We are morally weakened by sin, limited in knowledge by our humanity, and handicapped by self-concern and ambition. So the Spirit empowers our feeble praying as he intercedes for us "in groans that words cannot express" (TEV). It was a sort of audible yearning that surged through the prayer times of the early Christians. And God understood—and still understands—that wordless pleading because he knows both the hearts of men and the intention of the Spirit. When we do not know how to pray but earnestly seek God's help, the Spirit pleads our case according to God's will.

He Produces A New Kind Of Life
Gal. 5:16-17, 22-25

In writing to the Galatians, Paul wanted them to be free in Christ.

They must not lapse into legalism on the one hand or give way to liberalism on the other. The freedom given by Christ was to be lived out with the Spirit as one's daily Companion; in that way a believer would not be controlled by his natural drives. Control was the key problem; Paul did not condemn the drives but what they produced when they controlled or mastered the person. That struggle for control between the Spirit and the desires of human nature is real, and it continues throughout the life of the Christian. Often it prevents the Christian from being the kind of person he wants to be.

In verse 19-21 Paul points out "the works of the flesh," the things men and women do when the Spirit is not controlling their lives. It is an ugly and tragic list.

But in verses 22-25 he shows "the fruit of the Spirit." These are "the outworking of an indwelling presence," says Dr. Jack McGorman. First there is love, not the erotic or the family type but the agape kind of love that asks nothing in return. Then come joy, peace, and patience—each growing out of God's love and the believer's confidence in him. Among the others, "gentleness" is a better reading than "meekness," and "self-control" is stronger than "temperance." Since we have eternal life by the Spirit, we ought to let him shape our daily living.

Parents have a responsibility for the sex education of their children. Have you had a "talk" with your children? Too many parents are afraid to talk about sex with their children. It would be better to begin the educational process with the "potty" chair. A wholesome attitude toward sexual differences and parts of the body will guide a child. Too many children learn about sex the "dirty way." The best school of sex education is the home where love is expressed in a God intended manner. The wise father warns his son in Proverbs 6:27-28 that adultery is like fire. You cannot play with fire. Adultery is a dangerous and costly business. Our society is going to suffer for its immoral actions. So much of what we see, hear, and read is assuming that sex is available without restriction or restraint. The ideas of our age do not go along with the Bible. There is nothing to gain and everything to lose in sexual immorality.

There are two words used in the Bible to describe sexual abuse: adultery and fornication. Adultery in the Old Testament was always sexual intercourse of a man, married or unmarried with the wife of another. Fornication is a more general word. In the New Testament it refers to every kind of sexual intercourse outside of marriage. In the Old Testament it means "to play the harlot." There are two positive words that must be kept in mind in dealing with our subject today: (1) The positive case for sexual purity rests on the true meaning and significance of human sexual relationship. (2) The sin of sexual fornication can be forgiven provided there is genuine repentance toward God and man. There is no need for the scarlet letter to be hung around the neck forever. God can forgive an adulteress and man should too.

A Father's Advice On Women
As a father speaks to a younger man, he warns him about "loose" or "strange" women. The loose woman is one who is seductive with her approach and way of life. The wise writer warns the young man because discipline is the only means to keep from falling for her trap. In Proverbs 5:7-8, the method of avoiding her seduction is to keep away from her. The wise man knew that a man should never test his discipline by submitting it to unnecessary temptation! "Don't get near the door of her house."

The warning is designed to dull the seductive appeal. The lips that appear to drip honey are in the end as bitter as wormwood—a bitter taste. The "loose woman" seems to offer a man the luxuries of sensual joy without the responsibilities and commitments of marriage. But the man may expect no mercy. Her ways are so unstable that she is driven by whatever desires which can turn on him.

The son who falls for the seduc-

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NOVA LISBOA, Angola — Seventy-seven messengers representing all the churches of the Angolan Baptist Convention met recently at the First Baptist Church here. The results of the evangelistic thrust in the Carmona area, as well as in all of Angola through participation in the World Mission of Reconciliation for Jesus Christ, caused the phenomenal growth in membership from 1,820 at the close of 1973 to 10,181 at the close of 1974, a growth of 450 per cent. There were 5,329 baptisms during this period, representing 64 per cent of the total growth.

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- Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri

These schools, founded between the years 1859 and 1956, vary somewhat in size (one—Southwestern—is the largest theological seminary in the world) and in the courses and degrees they offer. All, however, maintain a basic continuity of commitment to leadership training in theology, in religious education, and in sacred music. Instruction is provided at levels varying from diploma programs for students without college degrees (this includes almost 40% of our pastors) to advanced doctorates in ministry, teaching, and research. Upwards of 6000 full-time students are presently enrolled.

In addition to their regular on-campus programs, the six SBC seminaries combine to sponsor the Nashville-based Seminary Extension Department. This unit maintains a network of more than 200 extension centers and also provides a large number of correspondence courses. Thus, by attendance at nearby locations housed in churches and associational offices throughout the Convention, or through mail-directed home study, 6000 additional students have access to much-needed training opportunities.

Most but not all of the students in our seminaries are Baptists. Significantly, 20% of all seminary students in the United States are schooled at Southern Baptist campuses. The fact is, our seminaries deliver an excellent theological education at about half the cost of comparable schools. Why? Because *no tuition is charged*—only the nominal fees most schools list as extra-cost items above tuition.

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Just For The Record



First, Hazlehurst Accepts Delivery Of Bus

Pictured above is Rev. George E. Meadows, pastor of First, Hazlehurst, accepting in behalf of the church, the keys to a new All-American bus from Billy Thornton, Chairman of the bus committee. To the right of the pastor is Bill Harrell. To Mr. Thornton's left are Lynn Beall and Edwin Anderson. These men, along with Frank Higdon (not pictured) served as Bus Committee. At the cost of \$45,000, the 42-passenger bus features a Blue Bird body, a Ford engine, airline type seats, a stereo sound system, and self-contained air-conditioning.



Tylertown Dedicates Pastorium

Tylertown Baptist Church's new pastorium was dedicated June 29, with special Patriotism morning church services and open house in the afternoon. The 3,200-square-foot building, located about two blocks from the church, is occupied by the church pastor, Mel C. Craft, his wife Emmy Lou, and son and daughter Craig and Rebecca Craft. Shown with Rev. Craft, right, are Don Roberson, left, building committee chairman, and Rex Pigott, chairman of Deacons.

Mt. Gilead To Honor Ed Grayson In 50th Year

On July 27, Mt. Gilead Church of Rt. 10, Meridian will honor Rev. Ed Grayson for 50 years of service in the ministry. Mr. Grayson started preaching in 1925 as an associate pastor and in 1927 he accepted Mt. Gilead Church as his first pastorate. In these 50 years, he has been pastor to a number of churches around this area.

He will be preaching at the morning service at 11 a.m. There will be a reception in the recreation building from 2 to 4 p.m. in his honor. All those who know and love him are invited to attend.

30% Gain In Sunday School

The Sunday School teachers of Victory Church, Jeff Davis, were presented with white carnations June 29, in recognition of their faithful service. The Sunday School of the church has had an average attendance gain of over 30% during the last three years. Mrs. Roma Coulter is Outreach Director. P. D. Bullock is Sunday School director, and Rev. James Lee Bailey is pastor.

The teachers were Howard Coulter, Robert Coulter, Mildred Pierce, Cletus King, Edna Bullock, Dell Bagley, Carolyn King, June Bullock, Virgie Mae Townsend, Madron Bullock, Mavis Bagley, and Minnie Merle Matheny.

Russell Homecoming

Russell Church will observe homecoming August 3. The day will include Sunday school at 9:45, morning worship at 10:45, lunch in the Recreation Hall and afternoon worship.

A former pastor, Rev. Ed Grayson will be speaker at the afternoon service. Jimmy Crane will be in charge of special music.

Rev. Charles Griffith, pastor extends an invitation to all former pastors and members. There will be no night service.

Commission Road Calls Pastor

Commission Road Baptist Chapel of Long Beach has called Rev. H. G. "Buddy" Beam as pastor. Bro. Beam formerly served as associate pastor of the sponsoring church, Bay Vista, Biloxi. Prior places of service for Bro. Beam were: US-2 Missionary to West Virginia, with the Home Mission Board, pastor of Walker Church, Flora, and Minister of Music and Youth at First, Florence.

Bro. Beam, a native of Pearl, and his wife, the former Martha Sullivan of Winona, and their 18 month old daughter, Mary Ellen, are now at home in Long Beach.

Senior Citizen Writes Book

Although she is a senior citizen, Mrs. Sudie Yarborough Watson, has not given up her joy of living. She says, "Being 75 years young only means having had that many more years of enjoying the beauties of God's wonderful world... with many glimpses of heaven in nature and in people." Mrs. Watson, member of First Baptist Church, Mathiston, has just written her fourth book. Entitled BEAUTY IS, it came off the press earlier this year.

Her first three books were poetry. This new one contains bits of prose as well as poetry and uses a scattering of her own "wise sayings" as fillers. Many of the selections previously appeared in the column that she wrote for "The Webster Progress" for 15 years.

Miss Sudie's new book points the way to higher living. It is an especially with soft white covers and gold lettering. The Price is \$2.50.

Miss Sudie was born Susan Tabitha Yarborough, at Slate Springs, in Calhoun County. At five she moved with her family to Webster County. She went to school at Bellefontaine and Wood College and taught in grammar school for six years before her marriage to Lloyd Watson. She and her husband have two daughters and seven grandchildren.

After she began a gift shop in her husband's shoe repair shop she also began writing and painting and engaging in many other hobbies, such as the collection of Hummel figurines. She finds satisfaction in the sharing of her Christian philosophy, as well as the many objects of beauty she makes with her hands.

Devotional

The Declaration Of Him-Dependence

By Jim Keith, Pastor, First, Laurel

No document in the heritage of a nation is more representative of the freedom which it possesses than our own Declaration of Independence. Inspired by the cries of a conscripted country for the liberty it desired and deserved, Thomas Jefferson penned the treatise which demanded the emancipation of Colonial America. All of us easily remember that stirring Jeffersonian passage which was early engraved upon our minds outlining our inalienable rights as being "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." For two hundred years now we have pledged ourselves to the truth that we are a nation with "liberty and justice for all," and we have sung it to the world that we are a "sweet land of liberty" and a "land of the free and the home of the brave."

Although we have declared it, pledged it, and sung it, is it really true? The Declaration of Independence demanded our personal privilege to life, liberty, and happiness. It was, however, inherently unable to provide those qualities. The source of these inalienable rights can only be found in the God who initially provided them and continues to offer them through His Word. From the pages of the Bible one discovers the divine Declaration for Independence: "If you look into God's perfect Word, which makes us free, and are loyal to it, if you don't merely listen and forget but do what it says, you'll be happy as you do it" (James 1:25, Phillips). Simply explained, the God who gives us life gives us liberty through His perfect Word; and the performing of the duties prescribed by that Word brings the true happiness which we pursue.

This unique moment granted to us in our Bicentennial year affords us the opportunity to regain for our nation the perspective that our true Declaration of Independence is found in our Declaration of Him-Dependence. If we commit our two hundredth year to the task of becoming "one nation, under God" then we can expect finally to have our first year as a nation "with liberty and justice for all."

Spanish Publishing House Observes 25th Anniversary

EL PASO, Tex. — The silver anniversary of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House mission was observed by the 26 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned there at the recent annual meeting.

Prior to 1950, the missionaries serving at the publishing house were a part of the Mexico Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

Grady Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, was a speaker at a prayer retreat held one day during the meeting. Other guests included A. Clark Scanlon, Foreign Mission Board field representative for Middle America, and emeritus missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Abel P. Pierson. An exhibit consisting of early

editions of books and periodicals, old contemporary photographs and new and old production methods was presented by Lorena (Mrs. W. Valton, Jr.) Chambliss, mission press representative.

History was captured through a presentation of "That Is How It Was 25 Years Ago."

Also at the meeting, the mission approved a budget of \$297,887 for 1976.

GRANADA, Spain — A new Baptist chapel here was officially inaugurated recently in two special services. One was a dedication service led by Antonio Gomez, pastor of the Baptist church in Cordoba, and the other was a special service for the members of Baptist churches in southern Spain.

Christians Persist In Laos Baptist Missionary Says

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — Despite the recent evacuation of all Southern Baptist missionaries from Laos, Christianity will persist there, asserts a missionary who helped to start Baptist work there in 1971.

Now that the missionaries are gone, the Lao Baptists will probably merge with other denominations, according to Jerald W. Perrill, a Southern Baptist missionary who recently returned to the United States after four years in Laos.

"I don't think there's going to be a Baptist distinctive there for a long time," he explained. "They (the Baptists) will be spread over a wide area. There won't be more than two or three in one particular area."

Perrill believes the Baptists will draw Christian strength and support from other groups. The Lao Baptists had a close relationship with the Lao evangelical church even before missionary evacuation, he said.

"In a Communist country, you forget denominations, especially when the church goes underground."

He added, however, he does not foresee Christians in Laos having to go underground in the near future. The government, Perrill noted, has promised its citizens freedom of worship.

He expressed the hope that the Lao Baptists will not be hindered by their former association with American missionaries.

Perrill and his wife, who were one of the first two couples who started Baptist work in Laos in 1971, have been in the United States just a few weeks. He was a participant in a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board consultation held here prior to the Southern Baptist Convention.

There are about 20 to 25 Lao Baptists in the country, Perrill estimated, and they have been Christians from two and a half years to eight months.

The four missionary families and one journeyman assigned to Laos could see the tense situation coming and began preparing

breakers. Entries are required by Aug. 9.

Inverness First Calls Millard Bennett

Rev. Millard Bennett has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Inverness. The church had been without a pastor since the death of Dr. John R. Cobb last fall.

Rev. Bennett is a graduate of Miss. College and Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Wanda Forbes of Cleveland, MS. She holds degrees from Delta State University, New Orleans Seminary, and Miss. College. They have two children, Christie and Asa.



Off The Record

After delivering a lecture on the solar system, philosopher-psychologist William James was approached by an elderly lady who claimed she had a theory superior to the one described by him.

"We don't live on a ball rotating around the sun," she said. "We live on a crust of earth on the back of a giant turtle."

Not wishing to demolish this absurd argument with the massive scientific evidence at his command, James decided to dissuade his opponent gently.

"If your theory is correct, madam, what does the truth stand on?"

"You're a very clever man, Mr. James, and that's a good question, but I can answer that. The first turtle stands on the back of a second, far-larger turtle."

"But what does this second turtle stand on?" James asked patiently.

The old lady crowed triumphantly, "It's no use, Mr. James—it's turtles all the way down." —BERNARD NIETSCHEMANN, Natural History.

Special On Holy Land To Be Aired July 27

"Discovery," an hour-long special on the Holy Land, featuring historical sites sacred to three major religions, will be aired July 27 on the National Broadcasting Company network.

The hour-long television documentary was produced by NBC in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The program, to be shown from 5 to 6 p.m. EDT, was first aired on the network in 1974. It is narrated by Alexander Scourby.

Included in the television tour of the Holy Land will be desert areas through which Abraham and Moses wandered, Mount Sinai where the Ten Commandments were given to mankind, the caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, the Jordan River, the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Olives, Calvary, the Masada where 960 people chose death over slavery, and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, sacred to Islam.

Check local station guides for exact time of showing in your area.



Puckett-Sanders Building Begun

Bay Springs Church of Porterville announces that construction has begun on their \$17,000 youth center and education unit. The building is to be dedicated in memory of Tom Puckett, Sr., long-time deacon, and Mrs. Lora Sanders, faithful member who was popular with the youth of the community. Pictured are Curtis Chaney and Johnny Puckett, building chairman, discussing the depth of the foundation and plans for construction.



Dorsey Church Buys Fourth Bus

Pictured are children who ride by the Dorsey Church, Itawamba County. Rev. S. E. O'Brian is the pastor.

Marshall Churches Sponsor Crusade

Marshall County churches are sponsoring an area-wide evangelistic crusade with Jerry Spencer as the evangelist, July 20-27. The services are being held in the Christian Activity Center of First Church, Holly Springs.

"Jerry Spencer is being used mightily of God in crusades across America. We encourage families to attend together. Invite all the people in your neighborhood to attend. Services begin nightly at 7:30," says Rev. Don Grinnett, Publicity Chairman, Jerry Spencer Crusade, and pastor, Carey Chapel Church.

Baptist Softball Tournament Scheduled

Church-sponsored softball teams are being invited to participate in a Mississippi Baptist Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament Aug. 14, 15, and 16 and continued on Aug. 22 and 23 in Jackson.

R. W. Brister is the tournament director.

Trophies will be awarded for four places, and the winning men's team will receive wind



To Enter Full-Time Christian Service

In recent months significant decisions have been made by young people and adults at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. Pictured are those that have made public their decisions to go into full-time Christian service. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clay; Miss Debbie Woodward; Jerry Gentry; Ronald Lane; Steve Jordan; and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Slay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay will be going to Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth; Miss Woodward has been taking Extension studies from Mississippi College; Mr. Slay is studying at Mississippi College; Jerry Gentry and Steve Jordan are students at Clinton High School; and Ronald Lane will be a student at Mississippi College this fall.

These follow in the footsteps of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Magee who are now music missionaries in Colombia, South America, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Deever, who are now preparing to become dental missionaries to the African country, Ivory Coast.

Rev. Charles Gentry is pastor.